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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
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08/03/2013: Sigi, DL7DF, will once again lead a group of operators on a 2013 DXpedition which is being called a "Two Entities DXpedition - Solomon 2013". The team has chosen two destinations. The first destination the Solomon Islands as H44G. They will stay on Guadalcandal island (OC-047) from 8-25 March 2013. During the time from 12-23 March, a part of the group will be active from Nendo island (OC-100) Temotu using the callsign H40T. Plans are to be active with several stations on 160m through 6m on CW, SSB. One station on each destination will be exclusively dedicated to RTTY, PSK31 and SSTV. Team members include Manfred DK1BT, Georg DK7LX, Wolf DL4WK, Reiner DL7KL, Sigi DL7DF, Juergen DL7UFN, Frank DL7UFR, Jan SP3CYY and Leszek SP3DOI. Pilot station is Bernd, DF3CB. QSL route is via DL7DF, direct or bureau. Further information and updates at: www.dl7df.com/h4/index.php [DL7DF]

08/03/2013: Rick, KK4GV, plans holiday style activity from the Calibishie, island of Dominica (NA-101), as J79GV between 8-17 March 2013. QRV on the HF bands, propagation permitting, SSB only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [DX World]

08/03/2013: Bodo, DF8DX, will activate the island of Goeree Overflakkee (EU-146, WLOTA 3501) as PA/DF8DX from 8-10 March, 2013. QRV on the HF bands, on or near the island and IOTA frequencies. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [rsgbiota.org]

08/03/2013: Mike W1USN (RNARS #3889), Bob AA1M and Scott W1SSR will be active as PJ2/homecall from the island of Curacao (SA-099, WLOTA 0942) between 8-22 March 2013. Plans are to be QRV on all bands 160m to 10m SSB, CW, PSK and RTTY. Depending on Internet access, the logs will be updated at least daily to LoTW. QSL direct CBA or via the bureau. [DX World]

08/03/2013: Members of the Indonesian Amateur Radio Organization of North Sumatra Area will be active as YB6N from Nias Island (OC-161) between 8-13th March 2013. QRV on the HF bands. QSL via YB4IR. [DX World]

09/03/2013: Wolfgang, OE1MWW, will be active holiday style as 8Q7WK between 9-23 March 2013. QRV on the HF bands. QSL via his home call. [OPDX Bulletin]

09/03/2013: Look for Thomas, HB9DRM/p, to be active on 9th March, 2013, from the Forest Reserve of Allschwilerwald (WWFF HBFF-019, WW Loc. JN37SM), Basel-Landschaft canton (BL), Switzerland. QRV from 0830 UTC to about 1130 UTC on 40 and 20 metre SSB. All QSOs will automatically be confirmed via eQSL. Direct requests via home call, QRZ.com. Physical QSL card via globalqsl.com. [HB9TZA / I2JJR]

09/03/2013: Adhi, YB3MM and friends are organizing a new adventure to Rondo Island (OC-245, WW Loc. NJ76NB), a small uninhabited island located in the far west of Indonesia and is part of the Aceh province, at the northern tip of Sumatra. This island is one of the small islands in the district of Sabang, Pulau Weh addition, Klah, Rubiah and Seulako. Eight years ago the island was affected by a huge tsunami. Activity is planned between 9-17 March 2013 and the

special call of YE6A has been applied for. If they do not receive the special callsign, the group will use YB6AR/P, YB3MM/6, YF1AR/6 and YC6EI/P, using 4 stations simultaneously on 80~10 meter SSB and digital modes. This activity also counts for Pulau Rondo lighthouse (ARLHS IDO-369, WLOTA 0501, Admiralty F1300). QSL via IZ8CCW, bureau or direct. Website: www.mdxc.org/oc-245/ [DX World]

10/03/2013: The Borneo Amateur Radio Club (BARC) will be active again as 9M4SLL from Pulau Layang Layang, Spratly Islands (AS-051, WW Loc. OJ67WI), from 10-18 March 2013 inclusive. Operators include John 9M6XRO, Steve 9M6DXX, James 9V1YC, Ben DJ0YI / N6MUF, Don G3BJ, Pista HA5AO, George HA5UK and Tony KM0O. The group will be active on 160 to 10 metre CW, SSB and RTTY, with multiple stations using 400W linear amplifiers to vertical antennas on the edge of the ocean. QSL via M0URX ONLY: by OQRS (Direct or Bureau), Direct by mail (with SAE + $2), on LoTW, or via the RSGB bureau (all bureau cards MUST be marked "via M0URX"). Logs will be uploaded to LoTW as soon as possible after the end of the DXpedition (within a few days). More details to follow later. Website: www.qrz.com/db/9M4SLL [9M6DXX]

10/03/2013: Andy, DK5ON, will be active from the island of Saint Martin (NA-105, DIFO FS-001, WLOTA 0383) as FS/DK5ON from 10-29 March 2013. QRV on 80-6 metres, WARC included, using SSB, RTTY and PSK. Andy will be using a TS-480SAT 100W + HLA 300 (300W). He also plans to visit the other side of the island and operate from Sint Maarten (NA-105, WLOTA 0711) as PJ7/DK5ON. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [DX World]

10/03/2013: Sam, JE1XUZ and Tama, JQ2WTT will be active from the island of Saipan (USi NI002S, WLOTA 1333), Northern Mariana Islands (OC-086) as KH0XH and KH0XW respectively between 10th March and 3rd April 2013. Activity from the Saipan BBQ Contest Club contest station AH0BT (QSL via 7L1FPU) during CQ WPX SSB Contest (30-31 March). QSL via home calls, JARL-bureau or direct. [DX World]

11/03/2013: Look for operators and callsigns Munekazu JI3DNN (KP2/KI3DNN), Aki JR3QFB (KP2/W3JH), Yoshiro JL3SIK (KP2/K2JA - FISTS #9836), Take JS6RRR (KP2/JS6RRR) and (KP2/NH2KY Club callsign - QSL via JR3QFB) to be active from the island of St. Croix (NA-106 USi VI002S, WLOTA 2477), U.S. Virgin Islands (NA-106), between 11-19 March 2013. QRV on 160-6 metre CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and JT65A. QSL via their JA home calls, direct or by the JARL bureau. [OPDX Bulletin]

11/03/2013: Pete, VE3IKV, plans to activate the Dry Tortugas Islands (NA-079), Monroe county, Florida, as VE3IKV/W4 between 11-14 March 2013, ONLY if the weather co-operates. Low-power battery and solar panel CW operation - there is no power on the island. Pete will be QRV on 30, 17 and 6 metres. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [rsgbiota.org]

12/03/2013: Members of the GMDX Group, namely Gavin GM0GAV, Clive GM3POI, Robert GM3YTS and Tom GM4FDM, will be active from Tuvalu as T2GM between 12-23 March 2013. The team will operate from the Vaiaku Lagi Hotel on the Te Namo lagoon side of Fongafale islet, Funafuti Atoll, Tuvalu Islands (OC-015, WW Loc. RI91OL). They will operate 2 x 500w stations using the Elecraft K3 and Microham Interface Units, using vertical antennas placed either in or at the edge of the lagoon. The Hotel promises internet and if that is the case they shall endeavour to upload logs to Clublog and LoTW. QSL MANAGER will be GM4FDM (QRZ.com) email: tgwylie[at]virginmedia.com . QSL POLICY: Cards received by the Bureau including SWL will be returned by the Bureau. Direct Cards snail mail to GM4FDM with Self Addressed Envelope and $2 no IRC please) OQRS via Clublog: OQRS Rate $3 for first card with up to 7 QSOs thereafter an additional 50c for each additional CARD! The team intentionally have no web page, but will run a BLOG courtesy

MM0NDX before and during the expedition at: t2gm.org/ [DX World]

13/03/2013: Masa, JN3MXT, will be active as KH0/JN3MXT from the Saipan Rental Shack, island of Saipan (USi NI002S, WLOTA 1333), Northern Mariana Islands (OC-086) from 13-19 March 2013. Expect activity on all HF bands and modes. QSL via his home call, direct preferred. [Saipan Rental Shack]

13/03/2013: Ron, WB1EAZ and XYL Elaine, KA1UCC will be QRV from Belize between 13-20th March 2013 as V31RT and V31BE, respectively. Operation will be SSB only with focus on EU, Oceania and Asia. QSL via WB1EAZ. For QSL within US please provide SASE, outside the US - SAE with 2 green stamps. At this point, no LoTW. [DX World]

14/03/2013: Jim, ZL1LC, has booked airlines and accommodation to allow me to run as ZL7LC from 14-20 March, 2013 on Chatham Island (OC-038, WLOTA 1627, WW Loc. AE16UG). Other preparations are going well. This is a micro DXpedition for Jim and XYL with limited gear. He will be running PSK31 only. The rigs will be Icom 7000 and 7200 units and the antennas will verticals on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. The QTH is within 100 metres of the sea, so DX should be hot. Frequencies will be the standard PSK frequencies of 7.035, 14.070, 21.070 and 28.120 MHz. Jim will normally be operating on the highest working frequency. If/when a pileup develops, callers will be asked to work SPLIT and transmit 100 - 400Hz higher. For ZL contacts, there is a chance of SSB on 3.677 MHz from 0700z to 0800z but it depends upon the PSK activity. This activity will also count for the nearby Kaingaroa [Kaingaroa Harbor Range, front] lighthouse, which is about 1km away (ARLHS CHA-009, Admiralty K4547.4). All QSLs direct to ZL1LC and further updates will be on the ZL7LC QRZ.com page. [ZL1LC]

15/03/2013: Look for Kazu M0CFW / JK3GAD, to be active once again as MJ0CFW from the isle of Jersey (EU-013, WLOTA 0818, WW Loc. IN89VE) between 15th and 17th March, 2013. Plans are to be QRV for the Russian DX Contest and BARTG HF RTTY Contest. QSL via LoTW. QSL also ok via M0CFW, direct only. [NG3K]

15/03/2013: Randy N0TG, Ron AA4VK and Jeff N1SNB plan to operate from the island of Sint Maarten (NA-105, WLOTA 0711) as PJ7/homecalls from 15-23 March, 2013. QRV on all bands and modes. QSL all calls via AA4VK, direct only and LoTW. [NG3K]

15/03/2013: Graham VK3DOG, Keith VK3FT and Tony VK3TZ are planning a radio weekend away to Phillip Island (OC-136) on the weekend of 15-18th March, 2013. They have identified a farmlet which should provide a nice low noise environment and a good take-off over salt water in nearly all directions. They will be active on all bands from 160m-10m. Simple rotatable dipoles on the high bands and full size verticals on 40m and 80m. On 160m they should have a vertical array (22m tall) with some parasitic elements, beverages and loops for receive. They will be operating with only a single TX at a time but should be active approximately 20 hours a day, with resting ops spending their off time surfing, relaxing or sampling some beers or rum. ;o). Callsigns will be homecall /P. They are looking especially for EU contacts on top band at their sunrise and also keen to work Stateside on 75m phone. [DX World]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

17/03/2013: Members of Team Cartagena, Cartagena, Spain, will use the special event callsign EH5SIP between 17-31 March, 2013, to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the launching of the submarine Isaac Peral. Activity will be on all bands and modes on phone and digital modes. QSL via EA5HRD, bureau or direct with SASE/SAE + sufficient postage. Website: www.qrz.com/db/EH5SIP [DXAT]

18/03/2013: Mick, G1EUZ (RAFARS #1848), will be active on Ascension Island (AF-003, WLOTA 1491) as ZD8RAF from the 18th to the 22nd of March, 2013. He will use an IC-7000, LDG IT-100, Alinco DM-W330MW PSU, Spiderbeam 12m pole and a vertical or horizontal dipole. QSL via home call, RSGB bureau or direct with SAE + suffienct postage. [DX World]

20/03/2013: Pedro, AA9HX / ON7WP just received his permanent 2013 license and will be active again from The Gambia using the callsign C5WP. He will be QRV from 20 till 27 March from the Kololi aera and also from inland Buntu village. Pedro will also be QRV for two weeks in August, dates TBA. He reports that this time he will have multiple dipole antennas and will operate from a three story building, which is better than the last time where he was lacking high points. Yaesu FT-897 also with batteries so he can operate when the electricity shuts down [33% of the time..]. Pedro previously operated from 11 till 18 November 2012 as part of his effort to set up a locally managed tourist organisation helping local to gain their own money. QSL only direct to ON7WP address. Please enclose SAE 2 US $ postage and (if you can afford it) some small sponsoring to help the organisation and pay for the postage. All money goes to the locals. Website: www.africajeepsafari.com/ [DX World]

21/03/2013: Ted, JF1CCH, plans to be active from the Republic of the Marshall Islands (V73) from 21st until 26th March 2013. Plans are to be QRV 40-10 metre, mainly CW. QSL via home call. QSL also ok via eQSL. [NG3K]

23/03/2013: Between 23rd March and 3rd April 2013, Tevfik Aydin, TA1HZ will be travelling to Mogadishu, Somalia, on a humanitarian mission with Yeryuzu Doktorlari (https://yyd.org.tr/). It will be a solo DXpedition within a humanitarian effort and he will be doing his primary job as a doctor. In his spare time he will be on all HF bands, depending on band conditions, most probably as T5TC (callsign not yet assigned). He will be using a Kenwood TS-480 with a Windom antenna. QSL cards will be printed late May. QSL via TA1HZ, with details at QRZ.com. Any donations for the hospital and food distrubition centers can be sent via https://www.yyd.org.tr/bagis/index.php [TA1HZ]

28/03/2013: Steve, W1SRD and Dean, N6DE will be active from the island of Bonaire (SA-006, WLOTA 1279, WWFF PAFF-024), including an entry in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (30-31 March). QRV before and after the contest as as PJ4/homecall on all bands, with forcus on RTTY. QSL via home calls. PJ4-contest call (TBA) via LoTW; also ok via W1SRD direct only. [NG3K]

28/03/2013: Hajar, YB8HZ and Ram, YB8BRI plan to be active from the island of Balang Lompo (OC-236) as homecall/p between 28-31 March, 2013. Pulau Balang-lompo is located in the Regency of the Pangkajene Islands, Province of South Sulawesi, Indonsesia. Plans are to be QRV on all HF bands and modes, propagation allowing. QSL via home calls. More to follow... [DX World]

30/03/2013: Operators Jose DU1BP, Torsten DL2KGS and Rag LA6FJA will be active as DZ1B from Lipa City, Batangas, Luzon Island (OC-042, WLOTA 0081), Philippines, during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (30-31 March) as a Multi-2 entry from CQ zone 27. QSL via LoTW. QSL is also OK via DU1BP, direct only. [NG3K]

30/03/2013: Look for Dr. Tevfik Aydin, TA1HZ, to be active as T5TC during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (30-31 March) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry from Mogadishu, Somalia, CQ zone 37. QSL via TA1HZ. [NG3K]

06/04/2013: Operators Ron, K5HM and Matt, K5NGU will use the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club callsign KK5W to activate Mustang Island (NA-092, USi TX011S, Grid Loc. EL17), Nueces county, Texas, on 6th and 7th April, 2013. QRV on the HF bands, on or near the usual island and IOTA frequencies. QSL via: Brazos Valley ARC, PO BOX 2997, Sugar Land, TX 77487-2997 USA; US Stations QSL with SASE; DX

Stations QSL with SAE + return postage, IRC or two Green Stamps. [rsgbiota.org]

20/04/2013: Bodo, DF8DX, will be active from Tanzania as 5H1DX between April 20-28th, 2013. Included in this trip will be activity from several IOTAs, including Pemba island (AF-063, WLOTA 1437). QSL via DF8DX. More details to follow... [DX World]

02/05/2013: Team HAMCOW will once again be active as W1ACT/p from Martha's Vineyard (NA-046, USi MA005S, WLOTA 2804), Dukes county, Massachusetts. This time they will be celebrating their 20th year from Martha's Vineyard! Operators include Roland N1JOY, Dave W2DAN, Bill KB1G, Don N1PMB, Paul KE1LI, Mike KB1TWA and Bob KB1JBC. Look for them to be QRV on all HF bands and modes. They will also be participating in the New England QSO Party weekend. QSL S.A.S.E. Only via N1JOY. Follow their event with live log checking and webcam at: hamcow.net/ [rsgbiota.org]

07/05/2013: Look for Gert, ZS6AYU, to be active holiday style as C91GR from Bilene, Gaza province, Mozambique, between 7-11th May 2013. Plans are to be QRV on 40-10 metre CW only, with 350 to 400W into R7000 vertical antenna. QSL via his home call, direct or SARL bureau. [DX World]

11/05/2013: VERON Section A54 Etten and Leur will be active on all bands as PI4ETL/p from the corn mill "De Oude Molen" (Type: Stage mill; Function: Grain mill) at Oudemolen near Fijnaart, Noord-Brabant, The Netherlands, on 11th and 12th May 2013 for Dutch national mill weekend. QSL via the bureau is preferred. Further information about National Mills Weekend and participating stations can be found at: www.sussexmillsgroup.org.uk/nmw.htm [UBA HF News]

20/05/2013: Look for Sebastian, DL1AXX, to be active as homecall/p from Baltrum Island (EU-047, DID/GIA N-06) between 20-26 May, 2013. QRV holiday style on the HF bands. QSL direct or bureau to his home call. Website: www.mydarc.de/dl1axx [rsgbiota.org]

25/05/2013: A group of Dutch amateurs will be returning to Eckero Island (WW Loc. JP90SF), Aland Islands (EU-002), for the third time and renting two houses between 25 May and 7 June, 2013. Plans are to be QRV using SSB, CW and RTTY on all bands, mostly on the WARC bands, plus they will also be QRV on 2m (for possible EME). Team members will be Hans OH0/PA0VHA, Jack OH0/PA3BAG, Wil OH0/PA3ALK, Steve OH0/PA2A, Wim OH0/PA2AM and Martin OH0/PA2VMA. QSL via their home callsigns. Further information is on their website at: www.pa2am.nl/ [rsgbiota.org]

04/08/2013: Chris, DL4FO, plans activity as OZ/DL4FO from Tuno Island (EU-172, DIA JY-009, WW Loc. JO55FW) Jylland, Denmark, between 4-16 August, 2013. QRV on all HF bands and 50 MHz, mainly CW with low power. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. Website: www.qslnet.de/dl4fo/ [rsgbiota.org]

01/10/2013: Team Leader Lou N2TU and the Management Team of Joe W8GEX, Craig K9CT, and Joe AA4NN are proud to announce they are planning a DXpedition to Wake Atoll (KH9, OC-053, USi OI012S, WLOTA 2293) in October 2013. This operation is a Commemorative DXpedition in that it combines a DXpedition and a commemoration of an event. 98 civilian contractors working for Morrison- Knutsen, lost their lives on the atoll in October 1943. The group has been named the "Forgotten 98". Their operation, observing the 70th anniversary of their deaths, will be dedicated to keeping their memory alive and honoring their sacrifice. Team members include Lou N2TU, Craig K9CT, Joe AA4NN, Joe W8GEX, Jerry WB9Z, Tom ND2T, Mike K9NW, John K6MM, Hal W8HC, Carl K9CS, Dick W3OA, and Tom N4XP. They plan to operate five stations over a 14 day period, 160 to 6 metres on all modes, using a callsign to be announced at a later date. Later, the group will

also have an OQR S link on the website for easy QSLing. QSL manager will be Joe AA4NN. Further information and updates at: www.wake2013.org/ [DX World]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

09/03/2013: Ron, VA3RVK, of Toronto, Ontario, will use the special event callsign CF3A on all bands/modes from 9th March until 7th April 2013 for the 250th Anniversary of Formalized Postal Service in Canada (1763-2013). QSL via VA3RVK, direct or bureau. [RAC]

10/03/2013: For the 62nd Tonegawa River System Association Flood Drill, special event station 8J1W (W: Water) will be QRV on all bands and modes between 10th March and 18th May 2013. QSL via the JARL-bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

08/03-25/03 H44 TBA: Guadalcanal Island WLOTA:0086 QSL DL7DF (d/B)
08/03-10/03 PA/DF8DX: Goeree-Overflakkee Island WLOTA:3501 QSL H/c (B)
08/03-22/03 PJ2/AA1M: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL H/c (d/B)
08/03-22/03 PJ2/W1SSR: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL H/c (d/B)
08/03-22/03 PJ2/W1USN: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL H/c (d/B)
09/03-17/03 YE6A: Pulau Rondo WLOL:IDO-369 WLOTA:0501 QSL IZ8CCW (d/B)
10/03-18/05 8J1W: Honshu WLOTA:2376 QSL JARL Buro
10/03-29/03 FS/DK5ON: St. Martin Island WLOTA:0383 QSL H/c (d/B)
10/03-03/04 KH0XH: Saipan Island WLOTA:1333 QSL JE1XUZ (d/B)
10/03-03/04 KH0XW: Saipan Island WLOTA:1333 QSL JQ2WTT (d/B)
10/03-29/03 PJ7/DK5ON: Sint Maarten Island WLOTA:0711 QSL H/c (d/B)
11/03-19/03 KP2/JS6RRR: St. Croix Island WLOTA:2477 QSL H/c (d/B)
11/03-19/03 KP2/K2JA: St. Croix Island WLOTA:2477 QSL JL3SIK (d/B)
11/03-19/03 KP2/KI3DNN: St. Croix Island WLOTA:2477 QSL JI3DNN (d/B)
11/03-19/03 KP2/NH2KY: St. Croix Island WLOTA:2477 QSL JR3QFB (d/B)
11/03-19/03 KP2/W3JH: St. Croix Island WLOTA:2477 QSL JR3QFB (d/B)
13/03-19/03 KH0/JN3MXT: Saipan Island WLOTA:1333 QSL H/c (d)
14/03-20/03 ZL7LC: Kaingaroa Harbor WLOL:CHA-009 WLOTA:1627 QSL ZL1LC (d)
15/03-17/03 MJ0CFW: Jersey Island (main) WLOTA:0818 QSL M0CFW (d)
15/03-23/03 PJ7/AA4VK: Sint Maarten Island WLOTA:0711 QSL H/c (d/LoTW)
15/03-23/03 PJ7/N0TG: Sint Maarten Island WLOTA:0711 QSL AA4VK (d/LoTW)
15/03-23/03 PJ7/N1SNB: Sint Maarten Island WLOTA:0711 QSL AA4VK (d/LoTW)

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6 METRES & UP -

South Pole 6m beacon on the air -
A new 6m beacon should now be on the air from near to the South Pole. Craig Hayhow, VK0JJJ from Mawson Base in Antarctica is reported to have brought with him a beacon transmitter with the callsign VK0RTM that is now operational on 50.300MHz. The VK0RTM transmitter runs 50 watts. The beacon will not be the only 6m meter coming to the air. While at Mawson Station for about 12 months, Hayhow plans to be active on all bands from 6m to 80m with priority given to 6m band operation.

08/03-25/03 H44G: Guadalcandal OC-047 Grid:RI00 6m 50.103CW QSL DL7DF (d/B)
09/03-10/03 Int'l Woman's Day 2M FM Contest SO/2m siplex 09 1300z-10 1259z
09/03-10/03 Idaho QSO Party 6m-10GHz classes 09 1900z-10 1900z
10/03 UBA Spring Contest 6m Phone/CW 10 0700z-1100z
10/03 RSGB 70MHz Cumulative SO/Fixed/Open 1000z-1200z
10/03-11/03 Wisconsin QSO Party 6m-70cm included 10 1800z-11 0100z

10/03-29/03 FS/DK5ON: St. Martin NA-105 Grid:FK88 6m all mode QSL H/c (d/B)
10/03-29/03 PJ7/DK5ON: Sint Maarten NA-105 Grid:FK88 6m all mode QSL H/c (d/B)
11/03 Memorial OK1WC (MWC) Activity 6m Phone & CW/SO/LP/QRP 1600z-1659z
12/03 LY 432MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1800z-2159z
12/03 NRAU 432MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z
12/03 RSGB 432MHz UKAC SO Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z
12/03-23/03 H40T: Nendo Island OC-100 Grid:RH29 6m 50.103CW QSL DL7DF (d/B)
13/03 MOON Contest 144MHz CW/Digital/FM/SSB 1900z-2100z
13/03-19/03 KH0/JN3MXT: Saipan Island OC-086 Grid:QK25 6m + Sat QSL H/c (d)
13/03-19/03 KP2/JS6RRR: St. Croix NA-106 Grid:FK77 6m all mode QSL H/c (d/B)
13/03-19/03 KP2/K2JA: St. Croix NA-106 Grid:FK77 6m all mode QSL JL3SIK (d/B)
13/03-19/03 KP2/KI3DNN: St. Croix NA-106 Grid:FK77 6m all mode QSL JI3DNN (d/B)
13/03-19/03 KP2/NH2KY: St. Croix NA-106 Grid:FK77 6m all mode QSL JR3QFB (d/B)
13/03-19/03 KP2/W3JH: St. Croix NA-106 Grid:FK77 6m all mode QSL JR3QFB (d/B)
14/03 LY 50MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1800z-2159z
14/03 NRAU 50MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_mar.html

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated: 06 March 2013)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/
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QSL INFO -

QSLs via Bureau: 8R1K, A45XR, DJ9MT, LU6EF, OA4DKC, OH0Z and TM1MIL.

QSLs via Direct: 3D2C (YT1AD), 4K12SONG (4K4K), 5U6E (OQRS/F6EXV), 5T0SP (OQRS/SP6FXY), 6W/M1KTA (H/c), 7O6T (UA3DX), 8R1AK (cba), FK/JK1KSB (H/c), HI3K (KB2MS), HT9H (YN4SU), JA1YUC/6 [AS-067] (H/c QRZ.com), JD1BMH (JG7PSJ), KH8/M1KTA (H/c), MO5BFL (M5BFL), OD5NJ (OQRS), PA2M (QRZ.com), S79QT (DC8QT), TZ6BB (W3HNK), XF1F [NA-124] (XE2HUQ), XU1A (OQRS/JH1AJT) and ZL9HR (EB7DX).

QSLs via LoTW: 3D2C, 3D2NB, 3D2RX, 3Z5N, 4Z4DX, 8P6NW, 7J1YAJ, 9U4U, A45XR, A5A, AA1ON, C5YK, C6AKQ, C6ANM, CO8DM, CR3A, CT1CJJ, DL2IAN, EA3CI, EA3KU, EA8MT, EB3CW, ED1R, EE8T, EF1W, EF7X, EF8R, EI3KG, ES9C, FP/VE3DZ, G3XTT, HF9Q, HG7T, HK0GU, HK1NA, HK3C, HK3TU, HQ2N, I4LEC, II2E, IK2YCW, J35X, JT1CO, K1LKP, K2EK, KH7X, KL7AIR, KL7RA, KP2/K0BBC, KP2/K5WE, KP2MM, KP4Y, LU1FAM, LU3DAT, LX7I, LY7Z, OA4SS, OE2013S, OH6OS, OL7M, OM7JG, P40L, PA9KT, PI4DX, PJ2/VE7ACN, PJ2T, PJ5/DL7VOG, PP5EG, PV8RF, PY0FM, PY1ON, PY2OE, PY4ZE, R7DX, S57AL, SJ2W, SO8T, TM7X, V31JP, V31TP, V31Y, VA3AR, VE3DZ, VE6BMX, VY2ZM, W1UJ, W7TVC, WA9AQN, WP2XX, WP3A, WP3DX, XE1H, XE2B, XE7S, XU7ACQ, YY4DNN, YZ1AU, ZF1DZ and ZF2LC.
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LINKS -
IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/
USi (U.S. Islands Award Program) at: www.usislands.org/
VEFF - Canada Flora & Fauna at: www.qsl.net/va3rj/
VEFF Forum at: groups.yahoo.com/group/VEFF/
WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wcagroup.org/ENG/wcag.html
WWFF (World-Wide Flora & Fauna) at: www.wwff.co/
WLOTA (World Lighthouses On The Air at: www.wlota.com/
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BITS & PIECES -

Commonwealth Contest: win a Centenary morse key!
The Commonwealth Contest takes place on 9 and 10 March and the RSGB have donated one of the Centenary Keys for the prize draw. All stations that enter the contest and make at least 75 good QSOs after adjudication are entered into the free prize draw. This is a 24hour CW contest on the 10 to 80m bands. The exchange is simply a report and serial number and there is free software to make the logging, sending and entry very easy. Only QSOs between call areas in the Commonwealth count, so have a look at the call area list in the rules. Check out the website at: www.beru.org.uk/

MEGA IOTA TRIP !!
UPDATE: Ralph 5W0W / H44RK is planning an IOTA tour starting the 1st week of June 2013. He will be joined by SQ9KWW Dom and H44MK Maggie (the only local YL Ham). They are applying for the callsign H40IOTA.

Their plan is to activate (in order) the following IOTA's.

New Georgia OC-149.
Russell Islands OC-168.
Solomons OC-047.
Rennell Island OC-127.
Stewart Island OC-285.

Of special interest to IOTA chasers is OC-285 Stewart Island, having never been activated.

After the activation of OC-285, Ralph will continue solo to Brisbane (aboard SV Hafskip) with a view to activating the following IOTA's.

Reef Islands OC-065
Nendo Island OC-100
Vanikolo/Utupua OC-163
Torres Island OC-110 (YJ - Vanuatu)
Banks Island OC-104 (YJ - Vanuatu

Ralph and the team will be donating much needed supplies and solar lighting packs to each chief of the island villages they operated from. Therefore, they are requesting donations for the Expedition, and look forward to you being a part of this trip, whether it be small or large to help support those most in need.

Please contact Ralph at ralph.honiara[at]gmail.com which is also the paypal address. They are also looking to take onboard one proficient CW operator for the OC-285 leg of the journey.

All QSL request via QSL manager NR6M. [MM0NDX]

ZS8C & ZS8Z - MARION ISLAND -
Two radio amateurs will be part of the over wintering team and will be active on Marion Island (AF-021, WAP ZAF-10, WWFF ZSFF-012) from May 2013 to April 2014. ZS8C Carson (ZR6CWI) has been appointed as the Space Weather Engineer and is employed for the next year by the SA National Space Agency (SANSA). ZS8Z David (ZS1BCE) has finally been appointed as the radio technician. His appointment was delayed due to a clerical error. Expected modes will mainly be SSB and digital modes, they may only use the existing commercial broadband HF antenna, and their QSL Manager is ZS1HF. More info will be posted on their respective QRZ.com sites once they have been created. All enquiries via Pierre ZS1HF at this stage. [MM0NDX]
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73 and Good DX!
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